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**DEPARTMENT  
POLICY****FIP, SDA, RCA, CDC and MA**

Age is an eligibility factor for FIP, SDA, RCA, CDC and certain MA types of assistance.

Bridges evaluates age as an eligibility factor at application, redetermination and whenever an individual reaches an age limit defined in this item.

**FIP, SDA, RCA, and MA**

An individual remains eligible with respect to age for the entire month in which they reach the maximum age.

**CDC Only**

A child remains eligible with respect to age for the remainder of the 12-month continuous eligibility period in which they reach the age of 13.

For a child whose eligibility continues beyond redetermination after age 13 (due to a physical/mental/psychological condition or a court order), the child remains eligible with respect to age for the entire pay period in which the child reaches the maximum age.

**AGE AS AN  
ELIGIBILITY  
FACTOR****Age of a Child****FIP Only**

A dependent child must meet the conditions described below:

- The dependent child is under age 6.
- The dependent child is age 6 through 17, attending school full-time.
- The dependent child is age 18 and attending high school full-time until either the dependent child graduates from high school or turns 19, whichever occurs first.

A FIP group that has a dependent child age 6 through 15 that is not attending school full-time is not eligible for FIP.

A dependent child age 16 or 17 who is not attending high school full-time is not eligible for FIP benefits. The dependent child will have a Disqualified FIP eligibility determination group (EDG) participation status in Bridges.

**Note:** A dependent child under the age of 18 who has graduated high school is eligible for FIP until the dependent child's 18th birthday.

See BEM 245 for the definition of high school, an explanation of full-time enrollment and attendance, and verification sources.

### **CDC Only**

A child must meet one of the conditions or set of conditions described below:

- Under age 13 at application and redetermination.
- Age 13, under age 18 and requires constant care due to a physical/mental/psychological condition; or supervision has been ordered by the court.
- Age 18 and a full-time high school student expected to graduate before age 19, who requires constant care due to a physical/mental/psychological condition or court order.

Eligible children turning age 13 during a CDC 12-month continuous eligibility period are eligible until the end of the certification period.

For a child whose eligibility continues beyond redetermination after age 13 (due to a physical/mental/psychological condition or a court order), the child remains eligible with respect to age for the entire pay period in which the child reaches the maximum age.

### **Age of SDA/RCA Individuals**

#### **SDA and RCA**

An individual must be age 18 or over or emancipated.

A child under age 18 is emancipated if any of the following:

- Ever validly married.

- Emancipated by court order.
- On active duty with the armed forces of the United States.

## Age-Related MA Types of Assistance

### MA Only

Age criteria exist for the following MA types of assistance:

- Low-Income Family MA (BEM 110): A child must meet one of the following:
  - Under age 18.
  - Age 18 or 19 and a full-time high school student who is expected to graduate by age 20.
- Newborns (BEM 145): The individual must be under age one.
- Medicaid under 1 (BEM 129): The individual must be under age one.
- Children under 19 (BEM 130, 131): The individual must be under age 19.
- Home Care Children (BEM 170): The individual must be under age 18.
- Childrens Waiver (BEM 171): The individual must be under age 18 (under age 26 for children medically approved by MDHHS before 10/1/96).
- Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Waiver (BEM 172): The individual must under age 18.
- Group 2 Persons Under Age 21 (BEM 132): The individual must be under age 21.
- Disabled Adult Children (BEM 158): The individual must be age 18 or older.
- Healthy Michigan Plan (BEM 137): The individual must be age 19-64.
- Aged SSI-Related Persons (BEM 155, 163, 164, and 166): The individual must be age 65 or older.

Age is attained on the anniversary of birth.

Age requirements for the above categories must be met in the month being tested.

## AGE NOTIFICATION

### FIP

Bridges generates age-related tasks the month before an individual turns ages:

- Six years.
- 16 years.
- 17 years.
- 18 years.
- 19 years.

### Age-Related Tasks

When specialist action is required before eligibility can be determined based on a change in age, Bridges generates a specialist task or reminder.

### Automatic Mass Update

When specialist action is not required based on a change in age, Bridges triggers mass update, which causes EDBC to run, and certifies the eligibility result automatically. Client's notice of case action is also generated automatically if the type of assistance changes or ends due to an individual passing one of the above ages thresholds.

## VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### FIP

Verify a dependent child's age.

### SDA, RCA, CDC and MA

Accept the individual's statement regarding age. Require verification only if the individual's statement is inadequate or inconsistent.

**SDA and RCA**

Verify emancipation of a child under age 18.

**VERIFICATION  
SOURCES****Age****All Programs**

- Birth certificate.
- Birth registry verification.
- Hospital certificate of birth.
- Other official records which contain birth information, such as school records, medical records, baptismal records, marriage certificate, insurance policy, etc.
- Forms of identification which contain age or date of birth, such as driver's license, state-issued I.D. card, etc.
- Newspaper clippings which contain the date of birth.
- Written statements from two or more individuals who know the individual's age.

**Emancipation**

- Marriage certificate.
- Court order.

**School Enrollment  
and Attendance****SDA and LIF Only**

- Form DHS-3380, Verification of Student Information.
- Other written statement verifying school enrollment and attendance and signed by a school official.
- Telephone contact with school.

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**LEGAL BASE****FIP**

42 USC 619 (1), (2)  
MCL 380.10  
MCL 380.1561  
MCL 400.57(1)(c)  
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**SDA**

DHS Annual Appropriations Act  
Michigan Administrative Code; R 400.3151 – 400.3180

**RCA**

45 CFR 400.76

**MA**

42 CFR 435.110-320, .520  
MCL 400.106  
Social Security Act Section 1920(a)(10)(A), (e)(4), 1931

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Publication L. 111-148) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (Publication L. 111-152).

**CDC**

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act (42 USC § 9858 et seq.), as amended by the CCDBG Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-186).  
45 CFR Parts 98 and 99.  
Social Security Act, as amended 2016.